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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9173

INFO AMCONSUL NAHA

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF AMTEX

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1. DESPITE SEVERAL COMPLICATING FACTORS, INCLUDING ABSENCE OF INDICATIONS LOCALLY THAT PROPOSED FLIGHT PROGRAM CLEARED BY USAF, EMBASSY, PURSUANT TO REF (A), CONSULTED INFORMALLY WITH FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION ON PROPOSED USE OF KADENA. FONOFF REPS, AS ANTICIPATED, CATEGORICALLY REJECTED PROPOSAL, ON GROUND THAT, AS CIVIL ACTIVITY, IT CLEARLY OUTSIDE OF ARTICLE FIVE OF SOFA. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT STRONGER REPRESENTATITNS UNLIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN MODIFYING FONOFF ATTITUDE, ESPECIALLY ON SHORT TIME

SCALE REQUIRED BY FLIGHT SCHEDULE.

2. IN VIEW THIS SITUATION, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT NSF AIRCRAFT BE BASED AT NAHA COMMERCIAL AIRFIELD, AND THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED REQUEST APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE BASED ON THIS LOCATION. IN ANTICIPATION FONOFF REACTION, NSF TOKYO OFFICE HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AIRCRAFT LANDING FEES AT NAHA WOULD BE WAIVED AND THAT APPROPRIATE FUEL WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE ON COMMERCIAL BASIS (EXXON). MOREOVER, SINCE NAHA ONLY 20

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KILOMETERS FROM KADENA, KADENA WEATHER SATELLITE DATA SHOULD BE

AVAILABLE AT NAHA WITHOUT UNDUE DIFFICULTY. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MIGHT STILL BE GREATER CONVENIENCE IN USE OF KADENA, ABOVE FACTORS SHOULD OVERCOME PRINCIPLE OBJECTIONS TO USE OF NAHA OF WHICH WE AWARE.

3. WE PLAN TO CONSULT PROMPTLY ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF FONOFF ON POSSIBLE USE OF NAHA, APPROVAL OF WHICH BY NO MEANS CERTAIN IN VIEW OF HIGHLY CAUTIOUS APPROACH BEING TAKEN TOWARD ALL ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT ATTRACT OPPOSITION ATTACKS, NO MATTER HOW ILL-FOUNDED. OFFICIALS OF JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIONS AND TO GIVE THIS REQUEST ACTIVE SUPPORT. WHILE WE WILL PROCEED WITH THESE CONSULTATIONS IN VIEW SHORTNESS OF TIME, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR CONDUCT OF PROGRAM FROM NAHA CIVIL AIRFIELD.
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